

Remarks

The application has been amended to eliminate claims in non-elected restriction groups. In addition, Applicants amended claim 35 to put it into a form that they believe better describes the invention. Support for the inclusion of SEQ ID NO:2 may be found on page 9 of the specification, lines 8-10. Support for the remainder of the claim may be found in cancelled claim 31 and on page 10 of the specification, line 7 - page 11, line 7.

Claim 54 was included even though it is part of a non-elected restriction group because Applicants believe that it should be subject to rejoinder in the event of an allowance. Because it is in a non-elected group, it is marked as "Withdrawn - new." This alternative designation is expressly authorized in MPEP §714, part C.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments, Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for substantive review. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a phone call may help to expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' undersigned attorney at (240) 864-0915.

Respectfully submitted,

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